

## KEY INFORMATION

### Abstract Deadlines:

Oral Papers: October 21, 2002

New Investigator: December 16, 2002

Poster: January 6, 2003

### Registration Deadlines:

Early/Advanced Registration  
April 4, 2003

Late/Advanced Registration  
May 16, 2003

### Web Site:

[www.nimh.nih.gov/ncdeu/index.cfm](http://www.nimh.nih.gov/ncdeu/index.cfm)

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## 43rd Annual NCDEU

Boca Raton, Florida ● May 27-30, 2003

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*Treatment and Preventive Interventions  
Research: From Laboratory through  
Clinical Trial to Practice*

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*The New Clinical Drug Evaluation Unit (NCDEU) meeting is a scientific conference presented by the Division of Services and Intervention Research (DSIR), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) which brings together academic psychiatrists, psychologists, research pharmacists, nurses, investigators with the pharmaceutical industry, and representatives from NIMH and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) who are interested in psychopharmacology and the broader areas of mental health interventions and services research.*

*This 3½-day meeting on cutting-edge research methodologies will include a variety of workshops, panels, symposia, research updates, poster sessions and a plenary session. Addresses from the leaders of NIMH will present the Institute's initiatives in the context of the continuing explosion of knowledge in behavioral neuroscience and medication development. Among other highlights is the New Investigator Program, in which competitively selected young researchers participate in their own day-long tutorial program and present their original work during the regular poster sessions.*

### Hotel Information

The 2003 NCDEU meeting is returning to the Boca Raton Hotel in Boca Raton, Florida. For detailed information on the Boca Raton Hotel, refer to the Web site at [www.bocaresort.com](http://www.bocaresort.com). Sleeping room rates for NCDEU registrants range from \$156 - \$183 single/double occupancy. In order to reserve a room, conference registration and payment of the registration fee must first be submitted to Infinity Conference Group via mail, fax, or online. Conference registration confirmations will be available immediately for completed online registrations or mailed within two weeks of mailed or faxed submissions. A confidential hotel reservation code will be provided with your registration confirmation. The hotel rates are based on availability until **May 2, 2003** or until space is filled. Please make your reservations early in order to secure a room. Deposits are refundable only if cancellations occur 14 days prior to your scheduled arrival date.

### Conference Registration

To register, complete the enclosed registration form and mail it to Infinity Conference Group, Inc., at the address provided on the form, fax it to 703/925-9453, or register online at [www.nimh.nih.gov/ncdeu/index.cfm](http://www.nimh.nih.gov/ncdeu/index.cfm). Payment must accompany your registration. Pre-registration will close on May 16, 2003 (the last day to pay the early fee is April 4). On-site registrants will not be included on the roster or have pre-printed nametags. Please use one form per person (do not put multiple names on one form; photocopies are acceptable) and register early. Refund requests must be in writing and faxed or postmarked by May 16, 2003. No refunds will be given after this date. Refunds, less a \$35 handling fee, will be processed within 30 days after the meeting.

## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

### Continuing Education Criteria

Professional Continuing Education Information will be available at a later date.

### Targeted Audience

Psychiatrists, psychologists, research pharmacists, nurses, investigators with the pharmaceutical industry, and representatives from NIMH and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) who are interested in psychopharmacology and the broader areas of mental health interventions and services research.

### Americans With Disabilities Act

The NIH/NIMH is mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to assure that all NCDEU Meeting facilities and overnight accommodations are accessible to persons with disabilities. For assistance please contact Infinity Conference Group, Inc. at 703-925-9455.

### Area Airports

**West Palm Beach International**  
28 miles north of Boca Raton

**Ft. Lauderdale International**  
24 miles south of Boca Raton

**Miami International**  
45 miles south of Boca Raton

## Registration Fees

	Early Advanced (by April 4)	Late Advanced (April 4-May 16)	On-Site (After May 16)
General	\$210	\$240	\$275
Student/Trainee*	\$100	\$125	\$140
<i>*with documentation</i>			

## Travel Information

The official travel agent for NCDEU 2003 is **Austin Travel**. Discount fares are contracted with US Airways, Delta Air lines, United Airlines, and American Airlines. You may use Austin Travel, or call the airlines directly to obtain these special fares. To reach Austin Travel by phone call **800-796-0071 or 703-548-0071**, fax **703-299-9525**, or e-mail [anthony.francis@austintravel.com](mailto:anthony.francis@austintravel.com)

To contact the airlines independently:

- **US Airways**, call **877-874-7687** and reference **Gold File #31142528**
- **Delta Airlines**, call **800-241-6760** and reference **File #190857A**
- **American Air lines**, call **800-433-1790** and reference **Starfile 15765**
- **United Airlines**, call **800-521-4041** and reference **514LQ**

## Conference Educational Objectives

The NCDEU Scientific Program Committee planned and designed this activity and formulated the following educational objectives for the 2003 meeting:

1. Analyze the role of new medications and other treatments in psychiatric practice, including both their efficacy/effectiveness and safety, particularly in vulnerable populations, such as pregnant women and children.
2. Identify the ethical challenges of conducting treatment research with people with mental disorders.
3. Identify the mechanisms of action of existing psychotropic medications and how this knowledge, along with progress in neuroscience and understanding of the pathophysiology of mental disorders, can drive new medication and other treatment development.
4. Present the current state of knowledge of the use of pharmacotherapies, somatic treatments, and psychotherapies in naturalistic settings, with patients who may have been under-represented in narrowly based efficacy trials.
5. Describe the role of the Federal Government health agencies, primarily the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), in supporting intervention research training and studies, and in the marketing and post-marketing surveillance of new psychotropic medications.

## POSTER TOPICS

You must choose primary and secondary subject category designations from the Topic List provided below and indicate those designations with your abstract submission. The categories you choose may determine the session to which your poster is assigned after acceptance. Final decisions regarding topic assignment and poster placement at the meeting rest with the Poster Chair.

### Poster Topic List

Please select the primary and secondary topic areas that best describe your abstract. Selection of topic areas will not influence the acceptability of posters for presentation. Select one primary and one secondary topic per abstract submission.

1. Clinical Trial
2. Medication Development
3. Mechanism(s) of Action
4. Pathophysiology
5. Imaging
6. Pharmacokinetics/  
Pharmacogenetics
7. Services Research/  
Epidemiology
8. Adverse Events, Side Effects
9. Nonpharmacologic Somatic  
Treatments
10. Psychotherapy
11. Combination Treatments
12. Methodology/Statistics
13. Bipolar Disorder
14. Depression
15. OCD and related disorders
16. Anxiety disorders other than  
OCD
17. Schizophrenia
18. Alcohol/Substance Use  
Disorders
19. Co-morbidity
20. Childhood/Adolescent  
Disorders
21. Dementia and other Geriatric  
Disorders
22. Other

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### Oral/Paper Presentations (*Workshops, Panels, Updates, Symposia and Plenary Sessions*)

Oral presentations are categorized within the following: Workshops (4 hours), Panels (90 minutes), Updates (45 minutes), Symposia and Plenary Sessions (varies). Prepare individual presentations for 15 minutes each, giving yourself a margin of 5 minutes. Due to the tight schedule and to ensure all presenters have equal opportunity, the session chairs will be instructed to strictly enforce session times. Please do not go over the allotted time.

Target your remarks to the audience. Participants will include academic psychiatrists, psychologists, research pharmacists, nurses, investigators with the pharmaceutical industry, and representatives from NIMH and the Food and Drug Administration. Focus on key messages in your presentation. Quickly summarize your methodology and link your key outcomes and implications for the field to the conference themes. Do not try to do too much. Try to summarize your key points at the end of your presentation and allow adequate time for questions and answers.

### General Poster Abstract Submission

To present a poster, submit an abstract of the proposed presentation via e-mail attachment only by **January 6, 2003** to [NCDEU@mail.nih.gov](mailto:NCDEU@mail.nih.gov). Please be sure to include all the information requested; failure to do so may result in delay of your abstract's review or its acceptance.

### Step-by-Step Procedure for Electronic Submission via E-mail Attachment

Please follow these steps to prepare your abstract for electronic submission. Electronic abstract submissions are allowed only in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, Adobe Acrobat PDF, Rich Text or HTML file formats. No other file formats will be accepted. **Do not send documents created by a MAC.**

**Step 1: Prepare a cover page** (page one of attachment) with the following information:

- A. Topic of submission. Please indicate primary and secondary topics by number (refer to poster topic list on the left).
- B. Abstract Title
- C. Indicate primary contact person including their name, affiliation, mailing address, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address.
- D. Indicate which author will be presenting the paper including their name, affiliation, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address.
- E. Please select no more than three (3) keywords from your poster abstract for indexing.
- F. Indicate whether you would like to be considered for the *New Investigators' Program*, and if *not selected* for a New Investigators' Award, would you like to be considered to present a poster presentation anyway?

## GUIDELINES FOR POSTER ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

All authors should be sure to resolve all questions dealing with internal company or sponsor reviews as well as patent issues prior to submission.

### Rules Regarding Conflict of Interest

Authors of scientific oral or poster presentations who have entered into a financial relationship with sponsoring companies or organizations about whose product or services they are reporting must disclose this information. If such a financial arrangement is known to the authors, a disclosure statement must be placed at the end of the Abstract. For example: "**Research supported by ACME Pharmaceuticals.**"

It is recognized that much scientific research is supported by organizations that have a commercial interest in the results of the research. This policy is not intended to discourage such support, or restrict the dissemination of the research. It is the intent of this policy to require authors of scientific presentations to disclose the sources of their support, when those sources have a direct interest in the research. This is to permit members of the audience to form their own judgments about the research with the full disclosure of the facts.

### Withdrawal of Abstract

If an abstract must be withdrawn from consideration, the author must send an e-mail to the NCDEU Poster Chair at [jolin@mail.nih.gov](mailto:jolin@mail.nih.gov). This e-mail should include the abstract title, presenting author's name, submission number, and brief explanation. **Withdrawals should be made by May 1, 2003.** It is the responsibility of the presenting author to assure that a qualified substitute will present any accepted poster not withdrawn by the May 1 deadline.

- G. All New Investigator candidates must provide the name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address for their Department Chair or Mentor. A copy of all correspondence will be sent your Department Chair or Mentor. **\*Please note: New Investigators' Program Submission deadline is December 16, 2002.**

### Step 2: Prepare your poster abstract submission (page two of attachment)

#### **Submission Format:**

- You must use Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, Adobe Acrobat PDF, Rich Text or HTML format.
- Use Times New Roman Font (11 or 12 point).
- Keep contents to no more than 350 words or 2050 characters including blank spaces. **(Tables, charts and other graphic illustrations should be included in this space).**
- Single space, using standard margin settings: typically 1 inch around.
- Choose a Paper Source of 8.5" x 11".

#### **Abstract Content:**

Abstracts must include results that have not been published or presented in any journal or at any public scientific conference. Please limit abstract submissions to two per first author and one-to-two per study.

1. The abstract must demonstrate scientific merit and significance.
2. Please use generic rather than the trade name for drugs; brand names **may not** be included in the title, but can appear once in the body of the abstract.
3. While abstracts of completed pilot and preliminary work are welcome, the work to be presented must be completed by the date of the abstract submission. Abstracts with "results to be presented" or unanalyzed data **will not** be considered.
4. The abstract should begin with the **TITLE** (in all caps), followed by list of authors, including names, degrees, and affiliation. The body of the abstract should begin on a new line.
5. While all abstracts may not exactly fit the following guidelines (e.g., a case study), abstracts **MUST** contain the following key points:
  - **Background** – the problem under investigation or hypothesis (**Objective** or **Introduction** will also work).
  - **Methods** – the experimental methods or protocols used to accomplish the research.
  - **Results** – the key points derived from the experiment. Data should be summarized and enough presented to allow the reviewers to judge the content. Generalizations such as "will be discussed" or "will be presented" are not acceptable.
  - **Conclusion**- a summary of findings that are supported by the data presented.
  - **Source of Funding** – all abstract submissions must acknowledge the primary source of funding, including Government, industry, foundation, or academic institutional support.



## **NEW INVESTIGATORS’ AWARD SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

The abstract submission deadline for the New Investigators’ Program is **December 16, 2002**. Please follow the [Step-by-Step Procedure](#) for submitting an electronic abstract submission.

In addition to submitting an abstract, all **New Investigators’ applicants** must submit the following:

1. A letter of recommendation from applicant’s department chair or mentor;
2. An updated curriculum vitae, and
3. A brief description of research/career goals and aspirations.

**Please Note** that a New Investigator applicant **may not** submit more than one abstract, although he/she may appear as secondary author on more than one study.

An abstract not selected for the New Investigators’ Program may be submitted for consideration during the general abstract review process.

### **New Investigators’ Program Contacts**

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### **Step 3: E-mail Abstract** (Please read carefully to avoid delays)

E-mail only one submission at a time to [NCDEU@mail.nih.gov](mailto:NCDEU@mail.nih.gov). The cover page and abstract should be attached **as one document/file**. (see Steps 1 and 2 for instructions) Include in the e-mail “subject” line, the “first author’s last name” followed by “NCDEU2003” and the number of the primary topic selection such as “Topic 4 – Depression” (**e.g., Brown NCDEU2003 Poster Topic 4**). If you are applying for **the New Investigator Program** your e-mail subject line would look similar to this, **“NI- Brown NCDEU2003 Poster Topic: 4”**.

### **Step 4: Acknowledgement of Abstract Submission**

Within three weeks after receiving your submission via e-mail, an acknowledgement with the assigned submission number for your abstract will be sent via e-mail. All abstracts will be submitted for peer review. They will be evaluated on their content quality, topic applicability, and appropriateness to overall Conference priorities. The final decision on presentation acceptance for individual submissions remains the prerogative of the NCDEU Program Planning Committee.

### **Abstract Revisions**

You may make changes or corrections to your abstract up until the January 6, 2003 submission deadline. It is requested that you resubmit your complete abstract including your changes with the notation in the e-mail subject line that it is a revised submission. (**e.g., Revised-Brown NCDEU2003 Poster Topic: 4**)

## **New Investigators’ Program**

A select group of New Investigators will have the opportunity to present their work in one of the poster sessions and to participate in a special closed workshop on Sunday, June 9, for New Investigators led by experts from NIMH, FDA, academia, and the pharmaceutical industry.

Any established investigator may nominate individuals for the New Investigators’ Program. Psychiatric residents and fellows, psychology interns, graduate and medical students, pharmacists, nurses and social workers who have a special interest in clinical intervention research should submit an abstract, a letter of support from their department chair or mentor, curriculum vitae, and a statement of research goals.

This program is specifically designed for individuals who are new to the field (*during or within 5 years of completion of training or re-training*) and have not received funding from NIMH. Invited investigators will receive a \$1,000 travel and lodging stipend, and a certificate acknowledging their participation in the program. Please note that while Fellows, Post-doctoral and other junior researchers employed or contracted by the Federal Government are encouraged to apply and participate, Federal Travel Regulations prohibit receipt of the travel and lodging stipend.

# NCDEU 2003 Meeting Registration Form and Invoice

*One form per registrant. Photocopy for each additional registrant.*

Circle one: Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms. Trainee\* \_\_\_\_\_ Student\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Type (please circle one): Academic Pharmaceutical CRO/SMO VA Other Government Private Practice Other

(Please be sure to include relevant degrees to qualify for educational credits.)

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Degree(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred mailing address (if primary address is a Veterans Affairs address, or other institution with potentially-delayed mail; will not appear on roster this way)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

\* Trainee: A person who is in a training position, i.e., not a full-time, permanent position. A Trainee can be a Ph.D., M.D., Postdoctoral Fellow, Resident, Research Fellow, etc.

\*\* Student: A person with a Predoctoral degree currently enrolled full-time.

Is this your first NCDEU meeting? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No Has your address changed in the past year? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS WITH DISABILITIES:** NCDEU meeting facilities and overnight accommodations are accessible to persons with disabilities. Services will be made available to sensory-impaired persons attending the meeting if requested at least 7 days prior to the meeting. Please indicate any needs. \_\_\_\_\_

## **REGISTRATION FEE**

\_\_\_\_ \$210 full registration postmarked by April 4, 2003

\_\_\_\_ \$240 full registration postmarked after April 4, 2003

\_\_\_\_ \$275 full/onsite registration fee after May 16, 2003

## **TRAINEE/STUDENT REGISTRANT FEE\***

\_\_\_\_ \$100 full registration postmarked by April 4, 2003

\_\_\_\_ \$125 full registration postmarked after April 4, 2003

\_\_\_\_ \$140 full/onsite registration fee after May 16, 2003

**\*Please provide copy of student I.D or letter from program head**

*REFUND REQUESTS MUST BE IN WRITING and faxed or postmarked by May 16, 2003. A \$35 handling fee will be assessed. No refunds will be given after May 16, 2003. Refunds are processed within 30 days after receiving a written request.*

\_\_\_\_ I would like to participate in the Fun Run/Walk on Thursday, May 29, at 6:30 a.m. (free to participants).

\_\_\_\_ I may be interested in participating in the Fun Run/Walk and understand I will be able to register on site if I choose to do so.

\_\_\_\_ I am interested in ordering an NCDEU 2003 T-shirt for \$9.00. Please send me an order form.

## **METHOD OF PAYMENT:**

\_\_\_\_ Check/Money Order enclosed

\_\_\_\_ Credit Card (please check \_\_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_\_ Visa)

Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Payment must accompany registration form, please ensure that check indicates names of all registrants; no purchase orders; use this form as the invoice; payment must be made in U.S. dollars; make checks payable to Infinity Conference Group, Inc. Escrow Account, 1035 Sterling Road, Suite 202, Herndon, VA 20170, Attn: NCDEU 2003, or fax to 703/925-9453 (credit card payments only). FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, phone 703/925-9455.*

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